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Former Obama EPA Adviser Offers Blueprint For Post-2020 Climate Agenda

A new climate change policy blueprint from a top former Obama EPA official prioritizes a post-2020 push on cap-and-trade legislation for power plants and various industrial sectors over new Clean Air Act regulations, while recommending other administrative and legislative policies for an "ambitious but achievable" agenda.

California Examines Potential Effects Of Trump Vehicle GHG Rule Rollback

Multiple California agencies are scheduling a special meeting to review the potential air quality, economic, transportation and housing effects of the Trump administration's pending rollback of vehicle greenhouse gas and fuel economy standards, which will also include analysis for other states that have adopted the Golden State's tougher rules.

Carper Blasts OIRA For Stonewalling EPA IG's Glider Rule Oversight

Sen. Tom Carper (D-DE) is stepping up his criticism of the White House regulatory review office over its allegedly unprecedented step of refusing to cooperate with oversight requests from EPA's Inspector General (IG), which is investigating the office's role in agency efforts to roll back greenhouse gas limits on so-called glider trucks.

Judges Raise Procedural Doubts About Biofuel Sector's RFS Waiver Suit

Appellate court judges May 7 raised doubts about the procedural posture of biofuels producers' legal challenge to EPA's retroactive issuance of renewable fuel standard (RFS) compliance waivers to refining companies as they questioned whether there is a specific "final" agency policy at issue.

States Fault EPA's Proposed FY20 Cuts To Clean Air Act Grant Programs

State and local air regulators are faulting EPA's proposed fiscal year 2020 budget cuts to key Clean Air Act grant programs on which they rely, arguing in comments on the agency's draft air office funding guidance that further reducing grant funding to states will hinder already strained programs and risk harming public health.

Daily Feed

NRDC urges NAFTA replacement to cite Paris climate deal

Any "modern" trade agreement that ignores climate change is a "non-starter," according to NRDC, though it is highly unlikely the Trump administration would restart talks to address the issue.

EPA sends proposed 2020 RFS rule for OMB review

The agency's proposal is the first step in a months-long process of aiming to issue final 2020 compliance year renewable fuel standard production goals by a Nov. 30 statutory deadline.

Oregon rejects CWA 401 certification for proposed LNG facility

The state accelerated its decision due to uncertainty over its deadline and before EPA limits states' authority in response to a recent White House executive order.

Ewire: Colorado weighs automakers' call for voluntary ZEV plan

In today's Ewire: An industry group is pitching a voluntary "alternative" to Colorado's plan for a zero emission vehicle sales mandate, and state officials say they will consider both options.

Environmentalists press for upstream GHG review in FERC suit

Groups that are advancing one of a suite of court challenges to FERC's gas infrastructure approvals argue the panel is "false" when it claims pipelines will not cause development of gas reserves.

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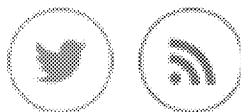
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